

July 23, 1942

(Maria Lucy)

Mrs. Mary Paetznick Succumbs Wednesday

Just as the Independent forms were ready for press came announcement of the death of Mrs. Mary Paetznick, at the hospital in Aberdeen, where she had been confined since Wednesday, last week. Shock, a fractured hip and other effects of a fall, suffered in the living room of her home late last Wednesday, proved too much for the aged matron to overcome. Funeral services have been set for Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., at the home and at 2:30 at the St. John's Lutheran church with the Rev. J. E. Schwarting, pastor of the church officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in the Groton cemetery. A complete obituary will be published in next week's issue.

July 30, 1942

MRS. M. PAETZNICK FUNERAL SATURDAY

SERVICE HELD IN OLD HOME OF
PIONEER WOMAN WHO SPENT
54 YEARS HERE

Funeral services were held at the Paetznick home, Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Mary Paetznick, who died Wednesday, last week, at the hospital in Aberdeen. She was the widow of the late H. Paetznick, pioneer furniture dealer and undertaker. The Rev. J. E. Schwarting of St. Paul's Lutheran church officiated at the simple but impressive service. Vocal music was contributed by Miss Gorla Eske and the piano accompaniments were played by Mrs. A. J. Schuelke.

Bearing the pioneer woman to the grave were her four sons, Alfred, Oscar, Carl and Henry, Wm. J. Paetznick, a nephew, and Howard Falknor, a son-in-law and the remains were interred in the family lot in Groton Union cemetery.

Born, Maria Lucy Feil, at Huson, Germany, January 30, 1863, Mrs. Paetznick spent nearly her entire adult life in Groton, coming here from her native country on March 29, 1888, to be united in marriage with Helmut Paetznick on the same date. The new home was established immediately in Groton. Eight children were born to the union, one of whom, a daughter, Gertrude, died in infancy. The others, four sons, Alfred, Carl, Oscar and Henry, all of Groton, and three daughters, Mrs. John Seefeld, Moberge, Mrs. Howard Falknor of Groton and Miss Marguerite Paetznick, late of New Orleans, La., survive. Her husband preceded her in death, June 15, 1932.

She was a life-long member of the Lutheran church, having been confirmed in that church in her native Huson, and becoming a member of St. John's Lutheran church upon her arrival in Groton. She was a woman of high character and strict integrity and a kindly neighbor. Coming from a family of some prominence in her native land, there was a dignity about her life that was inborn, but which did not interfere with kindness and a sympathetic attitude toward her friends and neighbors. She will be missed in her circle of neighbors and friends.